THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The quantity and value of fruit and vegetable products reported during the last two years is as follows:—

Product	Quantity (MTS)		Value (Rs. lakhs)	
	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91
Mango Pulp	16195	15760	1955·00	2351·00
Dehy. Veg.	1984	908	1411·00	1252·00
Pickles & Chutneys	8443	6349	1210·00	1112·00
Other pro. fruits & vegetables	29106	9499	3145·00	2091·00
TOTAL	42951	32516	7721·00	6806·00

The exports of fruits and vegetable products increased during the year 1989-90 but decreased during the year 1990-91 which was partly due to the effects of the Gulf war.

(d) Recently Government has liberalised the trade policy for augmentation of such exports. The exchange rate adjustment rupee and the introduction of tradable Exim Scrips ane expected to make Indian Food Products more competitive in the world market. The Government is also encouraging setting up fruits and vegetable processing units under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units scheme under which various concessions are given.

Entry of multinational companies in Soft drink/potatochips industry

2117. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reconsider its decision to let multinationals enter soft drinks and potatochips manufacturing industries;

(b) whether any multinational fast food industry has been permitted to manufacture cereals in India; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to revoke the permit and allow only Indian Industries in these areas where such an expertise is available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Government has already announced the new Industrial Policy on 24 July, 1991. Subsequently, Government issued a Press Note 10 indicating the items, including some consumer goods, for which automatic approval for foreign investment and technology proposals upto 51 per cent of foreign equity is to be allowed. Other foreign investntment proposals which are not eligible for automatic approvals are to be considered on merits.

(b) In the light of the new Industrial Policy, Reserve Bank of India has approved the proposal of M/s. Kelloggs of USA to enter into financial/technical collaboration with a new undertaking i.e. M/s. Kellogg (I) Limited, under automatic scheme for setting up a food processing unit for manufacture of cereal products.

(c) Does not arise.